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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Ru-Rong Wu Hsiao et al.) Group Art Unit: 1724
Application No.: 10/693,207) Examiner: Chester T. Barry
Filed: October 23, 2003) Confirmation No: 2311
For: Zero-Discharge of Water Glass)
Effluents By Alkaline)
Biotreatment Techniques)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2005.

The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-10, 12-19, drawn to a wastewater treating method, classified in class 21, subclass 601+.

Group II: Claims 11, drawn to a textile dyeing composition, classified in class 8, subclass 543+.

Office Action at page 2.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-10, 12-19, with traverse.

The Examiner also inquired about whether Applicants intended to submit the "24 items of non-patent literature related to biofloculents that were filed with the USPTO on 23 August 2004." Office Action at page 2. According to our file, we filed an IDS on

March 3, 2004 providing two Japanese patents, and no additional material was subsequently filed.


Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 13, 2005

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